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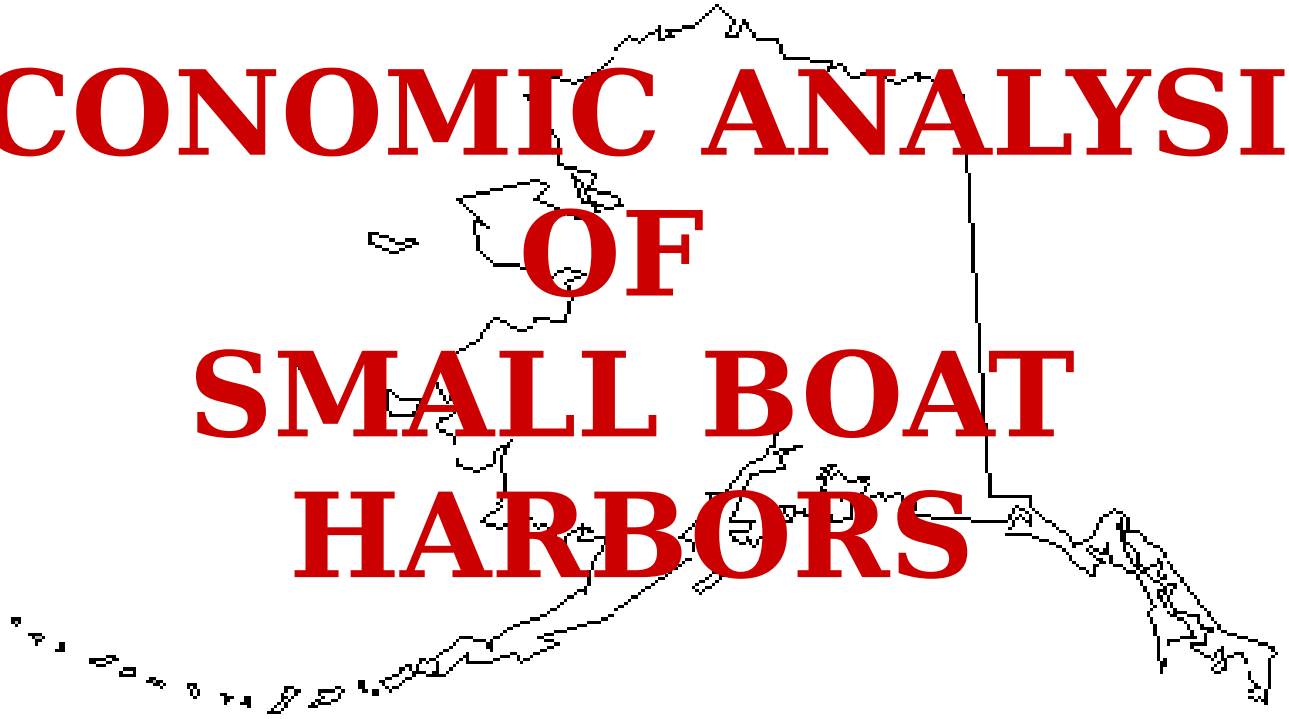
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF SMALL BOAT HARBORS



Area of Interest

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CRITICAL ISSUES

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- Data Sources
  - District Believes Local Sources are Best.
  - OMB Desire for “Independent Verification”
- Value of Time Saved
  - No Corps Guidance for Fishing crews.
  - Crews often paid in Crew Shares, regardless of time working
  - Does the crew have alternate income earning opportunities? Frequently, “Yes.”
- Vessel Operating Costs
  - Difficult to measure all With-Project savings.
  - If We build it, Will they Come? Alaska fleet includes many vessels from PNW.
- Explaining the Local Setting
  - Distances are on a larger scale than lower 48
  - Limited transportation system “You can’t get there from here.”
  - Boats and harbors very important to local culture, basic needs.

ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

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2003 Planning and Policy Studies Program

- Review of 18 POD SBH Reports and Summary of Policy Issues
- SBH Workshop (Aug 03)
- Summary Report: Improving SBH Economics (IWR Report 03-PS-4, Dec 2003)

Workshop Recommendations

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1. Expand Data Sources Used in Harbor Planning
2. Expand Efforts to Correlate Data Collected on Individual Studies
3. Regional Harbor Demand Analysis
4. Learn Lessons from Completed Projects
5. Expand Corps Economic Analysis Guidance
6. Complete Accounting of Benefits to Recreation Vessels
7. Highlight the Importance of Subsistence Benefits
8. Expand Collection of Vessel Operating Cost Data
9. Improve Vessel Delay Data
10. Refine Procedures for Valuing Time Saved by Projects
11. Clarify Scope of Risk Analysis
12. Strengthen Presentation of Non-Structural Harbor Management Alternatives
13. Highlight the Local Setting
14. More Intensive Review Coordination During Planning

Ongoing Actions/Future Work

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1. Expand Data Sources Used in Harbor Planning
2. Expand Efforts to Correlate Data Collected on Individual Studies
3. **Regional Harbor Demand Analysis**
4. Learn Lessons from Completed Projects
5. **Expand Corps Economic Analysis Guidance**
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QUESTIONS ?

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- Steve Cone – HQ Perspective
- Ian Mathis – Vessel Op Costs
- Russ Iwamura – POD Studies
- Jon Brown – SBH Recreation
- Brian Harper – POA studies

Workshop Summary Report:
http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/iwr/pdf/smallboatecon.pdf